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## Business Notices.

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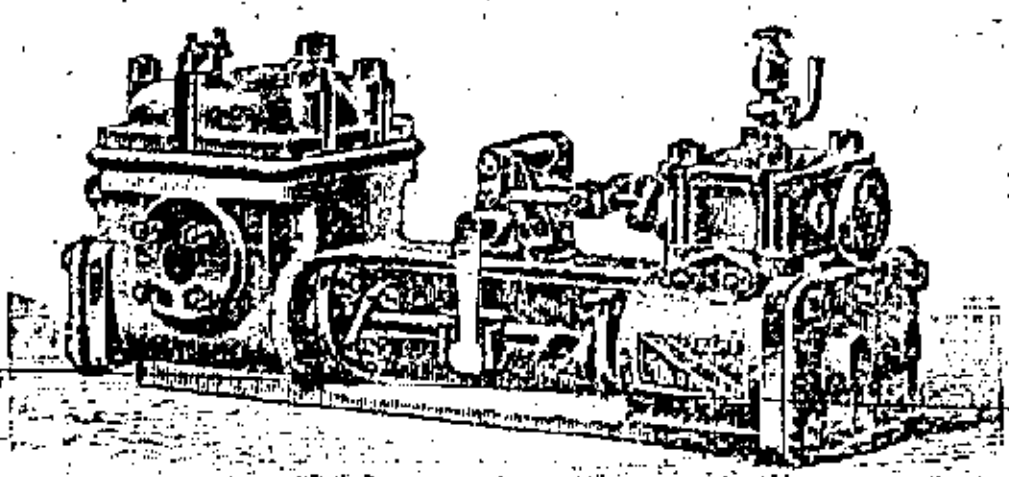
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\$450, Payable in one year. Tuning Free.

Net Cash \$400.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1900.

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SURVEYOR'S LEVEL, Complete.

Price ... \$130.00.

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Hongkong, July 16, 1900.

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50, LYNCH STREET, HONGKONG.

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For ARMOUR PACKING CO.,

not prepared to quote prices, and make

Customers to supply all kinds of CAN-

NEED MEATS and BARRELLED

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Some lines of CANNED MEATS

in STOCK.

Hongkong, July 10, 1900.

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PANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE

DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER

SHARE for Six Months ending 30th June,

1900, will be PAYABLE on the 31st

Instant, on which date DIVIDEND WAR-

RANTS may be obtained on Application

at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from the 28th to

the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary

Hongkong, July 12, 1900.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

## GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIFIC MEXICAN  
DOLLARS, Current in this Colony,  
and Weighing 7.17, in Exchange for Ster-

ling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the  
District Commissioners of the Mexican

Republic, London, Army Pay Department  
until 11 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 18th

Inst. The Tenders to state the total amount  
required (in Pounds Sterling) and the

amount for which each Bill should be drawn,  
but no Bill will be issued for Sums

less than £100. The Tenders to be in Duplicate and in  
sealed covers, addressed to the District

Commissioner, Army Pay Department, and  
endorsed, 'Tenders for Government Bills.'

This right to accept or reject any or all of the  
Tenders is reserved.

P. S. DYSON,  
District Commissioner, China.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1900.

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OLIVER'S FREEHOLD MINES,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FINAL  
CALL of \$0.60 per SHARE has

been made in respect of the 'B' SHARES  
in the above-named Company, and that

such Call is PAYABLE to the General  
Managers, on the 17th day of July Next

## THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY LIMITED.

IN consequence of the necessity for heavy  
repairs to the Mill, and the temporary

absence of Water power caused by the  
drying up of the embankment of ore has

been done this year, and as the windings  
of Gold have not been sufficient to pay

current expenses, salaries, cost of repairs, cost  
of new Reservoir, and prospecting, the

Directors find it necessary to make the  
final Call of One Dollar per Share, and

accordingly. Notice is hereby given that at a  
MEETING of the Board of Directors

of the Company, held at the Company's  
Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria

Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 26th day of  
June, 1900, the following Resolution was

passed:— That the final CALL of ONE DOLLAR  
per SHARE upon all the Holders of

Ordinary Shares in the above Com-

pany in respect of all the Shares held  
by them in the above Company be

and the same is hereby made. Such  
Calls to be paid to the Company at

their Bankers, the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

at their Premises, Queen's Road  
Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or

before the 6th day of August, 1900.  
And Notice is also given that in ac-

cordance with Article 24 of the Company's  
Articles of Association, interest will be

charged as from the 1st day of August,  
1900, at the rate of 5 per centum per

## BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED,

1, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
(NEAR THE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE).

PACKING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,  
BOILER COMPOSITION,  
ENGINE AND OTHER OILS,

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ICE CHESTS,

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These are the finest productions of Scotland;

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ALWAYS ON HAND THE BEST MARKS FROM

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ENGLISH and FOREIGN PATENT MEDICINES. Prescriptions carefully

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A Delicate

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THE CELEBRATED BEER OF

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QUARTS, \$2.20 per dozen.

PINTS, \$1.75 do.

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Keelhaul Dock,

33,000 lbs. COMPOSITION CONDENSER

TUBES.

75,000 BOILER MATERIAL (Tubes,

Drums and Manifolds, Steel).

Proposals, addressed to the Commanding

Officer, U.S.S. Monterey, for the above

Material, will be RECEIVED up to Noon,

SATURDAY, July 21st, 1900.

A Deposit of 20 % of the bid shall be

required as security for payment of the

balance and removal of the purchase within

one week.

All Proposals to be in duplicate and

fully marked. Proposals for Old Material

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THE SUMMER HAS COME

AND SO HAVE

Watkins' Aerated Waters.

But the latter have come to stay.

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SODA, POTASH, TONIC, RASPBERRYADE,

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are second to none. Our machinery being of the very newest

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

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In casks of 375 lbs net \$5.00 per cask, ex Factory.

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Factories—HONGKONG AND MACAO.

Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes and Fittings, Glazed

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SELECTED SELECTION OF PHONOGRAPH RECORDS, JUST

ARRIVED. ALL THE LATEST COMIC SONGS, Dances, etc.

PHONOGRAPHS ... \$30 Each.

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A Family of MUSICAL BOXES, in perfect condition, to be

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Clearance Sale of American Organs, at great reduction.

We hold the finest selection of Pianofortes, Organs, Violins, Guitars, Banjos,

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Tunings either Singly or by Contract.

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NEW GOODS.

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'The Old Blend.'

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EXTRA SPECIAL FINEST LIQUEUR.

V. O. S. (very choice).

Portmash great age (very fine).

Having a Branch house in Glasgow we are enabled to secure well

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THE

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Prickly Heat Lotion.

The only Effectual Remedy for Allaying

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## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

11 a.m.—Hatching leaves for Swatow, Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Household and Office Furniture, by Mr. John Andrew.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, July 20.—Goods per *Tsantai* not cleared before noon subject to rent.

SATURDAY, July 21.—Neon.—Proposals received of sale of old material from U.S.S. *Monterey*. Goods per *Trieste* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, July 23.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Kowloon Bay, (near Hok Un). 3.15 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Kowloon Bay, (near Hok Un). Goods per *Amoy* undelivered before Noon, subject to rent.

Goods per *Frederic* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, July 24.—Auction of Power Silk Weaving Plant, &c., at the Silk Works, Lap Sai Wan. Goods per *Santa Maria* not cleared after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, July 25.—Auction of Shares of the Imperial Asiatic Oriented Agency, Ltd., at the Company's Offices, Queen's Buildings. Goods per *Kowloon* undelivered after noon this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Frederic* undelivered after noon this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, July 31.—Interim Dividend of \$1.50 on Shares of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., payable. Interim Dividend of \$1.50 on Shares of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., payable.

THURSDAY, August 7.—Neon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd., at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central.

## Exchange.

HONGKONG, July 18, 1900.

On London	111 1/2
Bank, Wm.	111 1/2
On demand	111 1/2
30 days sight	111 1/2
4 months sight	111 1/2
Credit, 4 months sight	111 1/2
Documentary, 4 months sight	111 1/2
On Paris	251
On demand	251
Credit, 4 months sight	251
On Berlin—Demand	203 1/2
On New York	48 1/2
On demand	48 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	48 1/2
On Bombay	150 1/2
On Wiro	150 1/2
On demand	150 1/2
On Singapore	2 1/2 pm.
On Manila	9 1/2 pm.
On demand	9 1/2 pm.
On Shanghai	71
On demand	71
30 days sight (private paper)	72
On Yokohama	21 1/2 pm.
Gold Loan, 100 fms. (per ton)	\$81.00
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	\$ 9.91
Silver (per oz.)	\$16.62



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Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule 21.00

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Liqueur Cognac 24.00

## V. O.—D—Hennessy's

Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule 36.00

## V. V. O.—E—Finest Very

Old Liqueur Cognac, 1862 Vintage 48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be PURE COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

Smaller quantities and sample bottles will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

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The publication of this issue commenced at 5.00 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1900.

## Notes by the Way.

Parcel mails for Europe &c., per s.s. *Valetta*, will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 20th inst.

The Raja of Nellore has offered his Imperial Service Infantry for employment in China.

The return of plague cases up to noon on the 18th July showed that 5 fresh cases and 7 deaths occurred during the preceding 24 hours.

Lam Yau, who was arrested by Sergeant Sime on suspicion of being a member of a Triad or other unlawful society, was, at the Criminal Sessions to-day, sent to prison for six months with hard labour.

Eight householders were at the Magistrate's to-day, fined \$10 each for failing to lime-wash within the prescribed time. Two others were fined \$8 for failing to give notice of their intention to lime-wash.

A Chinaman at West Point was arrested yesterday, on a charge of having been found in possession of a stamp die for making counterfeit postal stamps. He was sent to prison for two months with hard labour and his implement of fraud was forfeited.

We notice that amongst the officers in attendance when Princess Henry of Battenberg visited, in the beginning of June, the St. Michaels Hospital, where a number of invalids from South Africa are accommodated, was Surgeon-General Beatt, formerly of Hongkong. Others present were Sir William Butler and Colonel Clarke.

## A Lepre Colony.

A Board of officers has been appointed by the Military Governor of the Philippines to select an island for the segregation of leprosy. A large number of the natives of the islands are afflicted with leprosy and have in consequence become a menace to the public health, and it was in view of this fact and for the purpose of initiating measures for preventing the further spread of the disease and eventually stamping it out of existence that this step was taken. The Board will make a tour of some three or four weeks and select one of the Southern islands, which is not occupied by American troops.

## Sanitary Board.

Amongst the business to come before the Sanitary Board to-morrow will be minutes by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary and the Medical Officer of Health relative to the powers of the Board in dealing with insanitary property; reply from the Government relative to a proposed sewage farm at the Peak. Dr. Clark will move:

11. That, with a view to enabling the Sanitary Board to deal more effectively with outbreaks of infectious disease, the Board be recommended to the Government:

(1) To assist the College of Medicine for China by endowment or otherwise, and

(2) To sanction a scheme for the training during non-epidemic times, of a certain number of Police Officers, in such sanitary work as the disinfection of infected premises and the recognition of cases of small-pox, diphtheria, plague, &c., with a view to their attention during periods of epidemic.

## The H.K. &amp; W. Dock Co.

The proposed reconstruction of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company has been the subject of much talk of late. No definite lines have as yet, we believe, been agreed upon by the Directors, although the matter has already received much careful attention. So far as we can ascertain, the idea is to increase the capital by 27,500 shares, making with the present capital of 12,500 a total of 40,000 at £25 per share; and the aim of the Directors seems to be to discover and recommend the most convenient mode of accomplishing this object. The scheme most likely to meet the views of shareholders is one which emanates from a shareholder, but is believed to have been favourably regarded by members of the Board. It is this:—To call in the old shares, and give to each holder of the existing stock 16 new for every 5 old shares—\$75 paid up, leaving \$60 uncalled, on each share. Say—40,000 shares at \$75=\$3,000,000. Reserve fund 500,000. Profit say 537,500. 3,997,500. To make up the \$3,000,000 paid up, the Company would have—

Present capital \$1,662,500  
Reserve fund 500,000  
Profit (half-year's) 537,500  
3,997,500

Several other suggestions have been made, as to the details of the reconstruction, but in view of the fact that more money will soon be needed to build the new dock and that it would probably be a hardship to many shareholders to pay a large amount at short notice, it is just possible that the scheme outlined above will be the one most largely favoured. Of course whatever is proposed must be brought before the shareholders for approval or otherwise.

## TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

## THE POWERS AND CHINA.

## The Representative of Legitimate Government.

## Declaration by the Powers.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, July 17, 5.55 p.m.

The Powers have come to an arrangement to recognise Viceroy Liu Kung-yi of Liangkiang (Nanking), as the only representative of legitimate government in China.

Liu Kung-yi was the first official to represent to the Throne the evil of encouraging the Boxers, and it was at his instigation that an agreement was come to between the eleven Viceroyalties of the Southern and Eastern provinces to protect the lives and property of foreigners if the Powers would confine the war to the North.

The *China Gazette* says:—It is reported that Viceroy Liu Kung-yi has advised all missionaries, even those not within his jurisdiction, to desert from their labours and retire to other less dangerous fields till the present excitement subsides, and we must say we think it very sensible and good advice too, and trust the missionaries of all denominations will meet it with a similar sensible acceptance. China does not want the Bible just now, but bombshells and the harsh religion that is preached from the cannon's mouth.

## THE VICEROYALTY OF TWO KWANG.

## Reported Appointment of Kang Yi.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, July 18, 1.20 p.m.

It is reported here that Kang Yi has been appointed Viceroy of the Two Kwang.

## MOVEMENTS OF TRANSPORTS.

## Hongkong Reinforcements at Singapore.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, July 17, 2.10 p.m.

The transports *Begford*, *Narva*, *Warda* and *Fierman*, passed through Singapore for Hongkong to-day.

The transport *Belland* sailed from Calcutta on July 8, with the 3rd Madras Infantry, 11 officers, 17 native officers, 720 men, 85 followers, 11 chargers, 60th Field Hospital, 2 officers, 1 staff sergeant, 4 hospital assistants, 6 men, and 118 followers. The Madras Infantry will be stationed at Hongkong.

## TRANSPORTS.

The transport *Udana* which left Calcutta yesterday brings: Commissariat Transport department—3 officers, Major Macbryde, and Lieut. Deas, 1 Warrant officer, 7 clerks and agents, 22 public, 6 private followers, 2 horses, transport mule corps, 1 warrant officer, 2 sergeants, 1 clerk, 217 public, 3 private followers, 405 mules, 3 ponies, 1 section 30th Native Field Hospital, 1 officer, 2 hospital assistants, 3 men, 63 public, 2 private followers, 1 charger, 3 mules, 90 mulebags, 1 Special Service officer, 1 Captain Willoughby, 2 horses, 3 servants, bakery establishment, 1 clerk, 6 followers, Postal Department, 1 clerk, 3 horses, 2 mules, 100 mulebags. Vessel due at Hongkong on 30th inst.

*Udana* brings—1st Sikh, 4 British officers, 8 native officers, 352 rank and file, 62 public followers, 15 private followers, 4 chargers, 50 mules, 100 mulebags, 784 baggage mules; 42 Native Field Hospital, 1 British officer, 3 rank and file, 65 public followers, 6 private followers, 2 hospital assistants, 1 charger, 3 ponies, 3 mules, 61 baggage mules.—Total men 498, total animals 8.

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*Warda* brings—2nd Bombay Infantry, 6 British officers, 9 native officers, 355 rank and file, 63 public followers, 15 private followers, 10 mulebags, 784 baggage mules; 42 Native Field Hospital, 1 British officer, 3 rank and file, 65 public followers, 6 private followers, 2 hospital assistants, 1 charger, 3 ponies, 3 mules, 61 baggage mules.—Total men 498, total animals 8.

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## TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

## THE FIGHTING AT TIENTSIN.

## The Capture of the Native City.

## HEAVY LOSSES.

## The Allies' Casualties.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, July 17, 6.8 p.m.

Details of the attack and capture of the native city of Tientsin have just arrived.

The bombardment of the city was commenced on the morning of the 13th July, and lasted all day, the Japanese being the first to enter the city.

The attack was made by two columns—one being composed of British, Japanese and American troops, and the other of French, German and Russian.

The allies brought fifty guns to bear on the city.

The Allied forces numbered altogether 7,000 men, and it was estimated that 20,000 Chinese were in occupation of the city.

The British, Japanese and Americans advanced to the attack of the Western Arsenal, and the French, German and Russians stormed the eastern arsenal.

After several hours' desperate fighting, the positions were taken.

Ten guns were captured and the magazine exploded.

The Chinese offered a very stubborn resistance.

At night, another Japanese column succeeded in bursting open the gates and entering the city.

The remainder of the Allied Forces remained outside until morning, when the whole attacking force entered the town, and the flags of the different nationalities were raised.

The Chinese losses are described as appalling.

The total casualties of the Allies numbered 776.

The Russians had over 100 men dead.

The Japanese had 88 killed; the British 40 killed; the Americans 40 killed.

There is a very heavy list of wounded. General Butler is seriously wounded. Colonel Lescage is mortally wounded.

Captain Davis, of the Marines, was killed.

## THE IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.

## Appointment of Acting I. G.

Mr. F. E. Taylor, Statistical Secretary, Statistical Department of the I. M. Customs, Shanghai, has been appointed Acting Inspector General of the Customs Service.

This is apparently the first official recognition of the probability of the awful crime at Peking, Sir Robert Hart, Bart., G.O.M.G., the Inspector General, and Mr. R. E. Bredon, the Deputy Inspector General, being amongst the foreigners who were incarcerated at the capital. It is one of the Treaty conditions that the Inspector General of the Customs should always be a Britisher.

Consequently before nine o'clock this morning, at the pier, he would be received by a guard of honour of the members of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, after which he would proceed to Government House where he would be suitably entertained. Consequently before nine o'clock a large number of people assembled on Murray Pier. The soldiers were drawn up in line under command of Captain C. E. Bancroft. The full band was present, as was also the goat of the regiment. Lieutenant G. J. P. Geiger was in charge of the colours and the other officer was Lieutenant C. J. Stockwell. His Excellency was met at the landing stage by Viscount Sudaire, on behalf of the Governor. The Viceroy appeared very frail and had a troubled and careworn look on his face. He was assisted by one of his attendants in mounting the steps to his chair. The band immediately struck up a fitting air of welcome and the guns of the land battery boomed forth a salute. His Excellency without in any way recognising the crowd seated himself in his chair and the procession started on its way to Government House. It was apparent to the outside observer that there was a great want of enthusiasm, there was merely a small crush of Chinese and Europeans who were there more out of curiosity than out of respect for the aged ruler of the Two Kwangs. It was also noticeable that there was not one of the prominent Chinese of the Colony present, strange, it may seem, but it is the fact that the crowd was chiefly composed of coolies and others from the cargo boats and sampans in the neighbourhood, with a sprinkling here and there of shopkeepers and Chinese

officials. Order was maintained by a posse of Indian and European constables under Deputy Superintendent Mackie. His Excellency was accompanied by his staff. His Excellency's chair was borne by eight bearers, wearing faded blue jackets with round straw hats and red plumes. On either side of the bearers marched four Indian constables in charge of a European sergeant. The chair was followed by the chairs of the Viceroy's ladies, his secretary, interpreter and others of his staff of followers. Four of these supposed to be His Excellency's private detectives were seated in a wagonette, from which they could obtain an uninterrupted view of the whole length of the procession. Viscount Sudaire followed His Excellency, and the next uniform of his chair entourage compared very favourably with the shabby appearance of those of the Viceroy's. The procession moved off at a rapid rate and those who attempted to follow it on foot suffered accordingly. The route was lined by 400 men of the Hongkong Regiment who saluted the Viceroy as he passed. The men were under command of Wing Commander, Captain E. L. C. Berger. The other British officers were Captains P. G. Anderson and G. D. Campbell, besides a large number of native officers. The Viceroy arrived at Government House a few minutes after nine o'clock and was cordially greeted in the verandah by His Excellency Sir Henry Blake and Major-General Gascoigne, and other naval and military officers including Lieutenant-General Sir A. Gascoigne, Colonel O'Gorman, the Commadore in charge of the Naval Yard, Hon. H. W. Trefusis, A.D.C. and others. After a warm exchange of greetings the visitors were ushered into the reception room.

After a long wait of about two hours' duration, His Excellency again appeared in the doorway and he and his officers having shaken hands with the Governor and, through the interpreter, thanked him for his hospitality, the return journey to the wharf was begun. The route was lined as before by men of the Hongkong Regiment. The return journey being all down hill was performed by the procession at a rapid pace. At the Wharf there was a very large crowd, and only the exertions of a big staff of police under Inspector Kemp kept the people from crowding round the Viceroy's chair. His Excellency having bade farewell to Viscount Sudaire, who had accompanied the procession on both sides of the Governor, took his seat in the launch *Victoria*. He sat in a chair facing the people, and taking off his hat, he bowed an acknowledgment to the crowd several times. A number of snap-shots were fired on the scene, and a number of good plates, which will have a peculiar interest attached to them at this juncture in the History of China, ought to have been procured. The crowd jostled a good deal, and interest was at the exact moment of His Excellency's departure, diverted by a Chinaman falling into the water; and also the narrow escape of a few officers from an involuntary dip. The Chinaman seized hold of the anchor chain of a junk, and tried to climb into the junk, but his strength failed him and he fell back again into the water and seized a rope hanging from the Wharf. He clung to this for a time and having gained his self-possession swam to another rope by means of which he got into a boat.

One incident which may be mentioned is that shortly after the company had entered the Reception Room, the band of the Hongkong Regiment, which was stationed on the



## MAKE HASTE!

The Japan Times publishes the following original poem written by a European lady resident in Tokio, and of unusual literary ability:

—AS APPEARED FROM TOKYO—

(Extract from Sir Robert Hart's message dated Peking, 24th June: "The situation is desperate. Make haste.")

Make haste! Make haste! Ah! lie the frozen cry  
We fling across the world. Will none  
While Powers pause, while armies vacillate,  
We vainly pray for help—Come not too late!

Make haste! Make haste! Once more  
that broken cry,  
Once more we shriek it forth before we die,  
Women and children fall; children and wives,  
Save them, great God! We yield instead  
our lives.

Make haste! Make haste! 'Tis but a feeble yet  
frantic cry  
Will we one hour? Say! it not rescue  
us!

We slowly perish. Powers, Nations, hear  
Thy countrymen's appeal; thy people's  
prayer.

Make haste! Make haste! the plunderers  
at our gate  
Announce with raging roar our speedy  
fate.

How can we withstand bullets and  
ball—  
Starvation, pinching heat—before we  
fall?

Make haste! Make haste! Cold is our  
old-age's brow;  
He whom we loved, lies bleeding, butchered,  
cold,  
While round our walls his muffled sobs  
scream  
and wail—  
Drink with the blood they shed when  
Kettler fell!

Make haste! Make haste! Ah! what is  
the heart's  
The tramp of Allied Armies drawing  
near!

Delusive dream! The Chinese pillage,  
waste,  
Our strength is well nigh spent. Brothers,  
—make haste!

Tokio, 6th July, 1900. —H. M. O. A.

## TRYING EXPERIENCES OF A JAPANESE.

Some time last month, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister in Peking, dispatched a student interpreter named Yoda Isami, belonging to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, as a secret messenger conveying a message to the Consul in Tientsin. He was selected for the purpose because his appearance so closely resembled that of a Chinaman that when seen in a crowd he could not be readily distinguished from a native. The messenger, dressed like a Chinese pedlar, set out for Tientsin, but when half way from Peking he was arrested by British soldiers, and after examining him, identified him as a Japanese. He was then subjected to severe torture to extract a confession, but he would not divulge anything, and insisted that he was a Chinese traveller. A few minutes later, Mr. Yoda was seized by a Chinese soldier, and the man with which he was bound, and jumped into a river near by where he remained hidden for several hours, with only his nose and mouth above water. He safely reached his destination with the message and delivered the same to the Consul.

## THE REPORTED MASSACRE.

The Singapore Free Press thus refers to the absence of news from Peking:

It would be folly in the present situation to assume that no news is good news. If the very worst happened there still would be no news, for there would be none to send news. Nearly a month ago we were told that Chinese artillery and rifle fire commanded the British Legation. The wall of the Legation enclosure cannot possibly have been built to withstand the breaching power of guns; and only conclusion that can be come to is that the Legation compound will have been destroyed precisely when the Chinese believe that we would be inclined to put it into a rising position in the minds of the chief participants in the attack, that they were merely by having a certain retaliation upon themselves; and that they had better throw up the business and get away while there yet remained an 'open door' of retreat. Prince Tuan is naturally past any chance of escape. When caught he will be hanged as high as Haman was. But we fancy the attitude of the Provincial Governors has been it in upon the minds of a large number of those who assisted to bring about the downfall of the Government. The Government, finding the support of the Province, the game is as good as lost already. Of course, out of sheer despair, the Peking Revolution may stick to its guns, and carry on to the bitter end of its anti-foreign policy. It is this possible and perhaps the very perpetration of taking all that civilization has for its beleaguered representatives. The harassing thing for the onlooking world is that nothing has as yet reached us of any real value as an index to what has taken place in one of the most precious positions that any isolated European community could occupy.

## POWERS NOT AT WAR.

London, July 3.—All the Powers including America appear to be agreed that it would be impolitic to regard themselves at war with China but to treat the crisis as a rebellion aided by unprincipled troops. The notification that it will be possible to relieve Peking has caused a feeling of gloom everywhere, though the difficulty of the advance, owing to want of transport and lack of water, is recognized. It is estimated that the expedition would demand fully fifty thousand men in view of maintaining communications.

## GRAVE DESECRATION.

London, July 3.—The Foreign Consuls at Tientsin have unanimously recommended the Powers to threaten to destroy the graves of the Imperial ancestors as the sole means of saving foreigners. Great Britain is not inclined to agree to this proposal. The German Admiral telegraphs that the Chinese city of Peking has been burned and the Empress has fled.

## DETAILS OF THE INDIAN FIELD FORCE.

Singha, June 25th.—The following is the full scheme for the 1st Brigade (Sir Norman Stewart):—7th Bombay Infantry, 24th Punjab Infantry, 1st Sikhs, 26th Bombay Infantry, and 43rd and 39th Field Hospitals.

2nd Brigade (General Craigh):—2nd Bombay Infantry, 14th Sikhs, 30th Bombay Infantry, 14th Gurkhas, 42nd and 47th Native Field Hospitals.

Lines of Communication:—22nd Bombay Infantry, 3rd Madras Infantry, No. 25 British, and Nos. 54, 63, and 60 Native Hospitals.

The rest of the troops are divisional.

Captain Baker is Military Accounts Officer and Capt. Hazell, Pay Officer. General Craigh's Staff, and Captain Jermyn, 2nd Sikhs, D.A.A.C., and Lieut. Scott Elliot, 4th Madras Infantry, Brigadier Signalling Officer to Sir Norman Stewart.

Captain Gaisford, 24th Punjab Infantry, Signalling Officer to General Craigh. The other 13 sign appointments are unoccupied.

Two corps, each one thousand strong, will be raised in India, each commanded by two British Officers.

On June 25, it is now probable that more Cavalry and some Horse Artillery may be detailed for China.

Commander Milford, Royal Indian Marine, accompanies the force as transport officer.

Second Lieutenant Garston, R.E., accompanies the Madras Sappers to China.

Major Burton and Lieutenant Fenton, Indian Medical Service, proceed with the Native General Hospital to China.

Maxim guns will be issued at Fort William, and Infantry Regiments. None of these Regiments have had much practice with this arm. Detachments will be formed and trained on board the transports while at sea. 1,100 rounds of ammunition per gun will be issued and used during the voyage to Hongkong.

## The Total Force.

Calcutta, June 27th.—The work in connection with the transport arrangements is being carried on in Calcutta. Details from early morning till late into the night, and it is with a view to relieve this pressure that the Government of India has decided to send the bulk of the second batch of the China Field Force from Bombay. According to the latest arrangements, only No. 4 Company Bengal Sappers and Miners and 1,000 mules, with their drivers, will embark at Calcutta, in addition to the troops first detailed, and for this reason only one more transport, the "Uthman," has been engaged locally, making a total of nineteen transports to sail from Calcutta. The mules referred to are to be used for transport purposes by the force sailing from Bombay. One 303 Maxim gun, with 20,000 rounds of ammunition per gun, will be issued locally to each Infantry Regiment proceeding to China. The scale of ammunition of the Infantry Battalions will be 750 rounds per gun, made up as follows:—One hundred rounds to be carried by each Infantry unit, 30 in the first regiment, 100 in the second, and 350 in the third regimental reserve, and 450 in the Ordnance reserve. The scale of ammunition for Cavalry and Sappers and Miners is 400 rounds per gun.

The total force now under orders is 220 British officers, 313 warrant and non-commissioned officers and men, 482 Indian officers and officers and hospital assistants, 4,244 non-commissioned officers and men, 5,500 private followers, including the Cooly Corps, 807 private followers, 200 chargers, 100 Artillery and 40 Company horses, about 450 mules, 2,000 mules, 10 Veterinary assistants, 40 janitors, 40 sutlers, and 702 drivers; or a grand total of about 17,000 men and 3,000 animals.

Singha, June 28.—Two more Co. Co. Co. have been ordered to China.

Capt. Watson, C.I.E., commands the third, and Capt. Drake Brockman, 1st B.I., the fourth. Capt. Bolton, 5th Gurkhas, and Lieut. Beatty, 9th Bengal Lancers, are second-in-command, respectively.

The staff of the 2nd Infantry Brigade embarks at Bombay.

## Field Operations.

The following telegram, No. 102, P.O., dated 22nd June 1900, from the Quarter Master General in India is published in Madras District Orders for general information:—Continuation of my 37, P. O. Officers of the Force need not take transport or mess kit. All Officers should take sergeants' mess kit, breeches, long boots, and full dress head dress without plumes. Officers on Staff of Force who have new pattern staff frock and aiguillette in possession and whose appointments with Force entitles them to wear the same, should take them. All Officers should take a new staff frock and aiguillette from Army Head Quarters (No. P. C. 79, dated the 22nd June, 1900, from the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command). It is notified that Mounted Officers of the Staff, Native Infantry, and details should make arrangements for necessary supply of horse shoes. Under instructions from Army Head Quarters (No. P. C. 79, dated the 22nd June, 1900, from the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command), it is notified that Officers and troops for China will proceed on relief scale of baggage and field service scale of transport and equipment. Officers will take all their uniforms, and troops will take serge or cloth clothing in addition to field service uniforms.

## THE HARMONIOUS CHORD.

From the Globe:—According to one newspaper correspondent, the Powers in China are acting in entire harmony. This authority is of the opinion that if confronted with a vigorous European concert the "Boxers" would not face the music.

## A CHILD ENJOYS

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VERRELS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon: U.S.S. Monterey, Changsha, Kowloon, Argus, Marie Johnson, Tachewong, Hongkong, Maru, Wuchow, Trites, Eastern.

## Comopolitan.—Goodwin.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE FATE OF AN EMPIRE.—

## MORTAL HOMINES SUNT.

To the Editor of the "China Mail." Sir,—I was amongst the crowd at Murray Wharf this morning to see the aged and decrepit Viceroy Li Hung-chang land on his way to pay his solemn tribute to Government House. Really, the whole function was a farcical or farce pure and simple. I mean, of course, in contrast with the gravity of the situation.

In the first place, the old gentleman could scarcely stand, having to be supported on both sides by stalwart attendants.

Typical of the once Great Chinese Empire his days are nearly done. The Viceroy's sun is fast approaching the setting horizon of its full time. It will be quite impossible to picture the terrible contrast which is daily widening in the portents of the future.

There are millions of the Chinese people who, through ignorance, although in many cases having a just grievance, are rapidly joining the ranks against the armed invasion of the white races. Taking is daily growing more difficult of approach and owing to the vast borders of a surrounding population, it will soon be impossible to stem the living tide.

As this catastrophe beyond the bounds of possibility to save the whole empire intact, what is the best thing to be done? It is to fight. Make an effort through the powers that still remain to localize the present serious conflict by driving an imaginary line either through the valley of the Yellow River (the Yangtze) or that of the Yangtze. An understanding amongst the Viceroy of the Provinces south of the dividing line should, so far as present needs go, secure the stability of all life and property within those provinces.

In the meantime let the first in the north burn itself out, when the cultures that are assembled around the scene, with the great heat, and soon dispose of the sacred ashes, all that is left of them. There will be nothing to regret or regret in the chaotic remains of the Great Oriental Capital and the Country of madmen surrounding it to the east. It will prove absolute waste of effort in every direction to make any attempt to subdue or in any way regulate the state of anarchy that rules today in Peking. This present sad page of horror in the history of our relations with this ancient empire must be for the present closed. Let us look to saving what still remains. Viceroy Li has departed forever.—Your faithfully,

SPECTATOR.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 18th at 11.55 a.m. Barometric changes are slight. Pressure remains low in the Northern areas and also in the neighbourhood of Luzon. Gradients point for S. winds on the China coast. Forecast:—S. and varying winds, light; fair.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH BUREAU.)

OUTWARD:—Malacca, 18th June; 2nd June; 1st July; 2nd July; 3rd July; 4th July; 5th July; 6th July; 7th July; 8th July; 9th July; 10th July; 11th July; 12th July; 13th July; 14th July; 15th July; 16th July; 17th July; 18th July; 19th July; 20th July; 21st July; 22nd July; 23rd July; 24th July; 25th July; 26th July; 27th July; 28th July; 29th July; 30th July; 31st July; 1st August; 2nd August; 3rd August; 4th August; 5th August; 6th August; 7th August; 8th August; 9th August; 10th August; 11th August; 12th August; 13th August; 14th August; 15th August; 16th August; 17th August; 18th August; 19th August; 20th August; 21st August; 22nd August; 23rd August; 24th August; 25th August; 26th August; 27th August; 28th August; 29th August; 30th August; 31st August; 1st September; 2nd September; 3rd September; 4th September; 5th September; 6th September; 7th September; 8th September; 9th September; 10th September; 11th September; 12th September; 13th September; 14th September; 15th September; 16th September; 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